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1. AT PERMREP LUNCH ON MARCH 20, I PLAN TO FOLLOW- UP MY PRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL LAST WEEK BY PROPOSING PER REFTEL THAT ON MARCH 28 NAC CONSIDER:

-- HOW TO DISCOURAGE SUPPORT BY ARAB GOVERNMENTS OF ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS;

-- EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN AS A CONSEQUENCE OF NATO CONSULTATIONS LAST DECEMBER, AND WHAT FURTHER CAN BE DONE IN NATO; AND

-- INTERNAL DOMESTIC PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH ARAB TERRORISTS.

2. I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE ME TO PROPOSE ON MARCH 28 THAT THE COUNCIL CONVENE A MEETING IN LATE APRIL WITH INTERIOR MINISTERS AND ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO CONSIDER, IN PARTICULAR, HOW TO COPE WITH PROBLEM REPRESENTED BY ARAB TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN WESTERN COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE. IN MY VIEW, SUCH A MEETING WOULD SERVE TO FOCUS CABINET- LEVEL ATTENTION IN OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS TO THE PROBLEM. I BELIEVE THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL KLEINDIENST TOGETHER WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS COULD WITH PROFIT REVIEW NATIONAL PROCEDURES AND CONSIDER WHAT NEW POLICIES HAVE WORKED AND MIGHT WITH ADVANTAGE BE ADOPTED MORE WIDELY. ONE
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AIM OF SUCH A MEETING-- WHICH NEED NOT LAST FOR MORE THAN A DAY AND A HALF-- WOULD BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM AND WORKING

GROUP DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO INTERIOR MINISTERS. OTHER
EUROPEAN STATES NOT MEMBERS OF NATO COULD BE ASKED TO COMMENT
UPON AND SUBSCRIBE TO THIS PROGRAM. THE WORKING GROUP, IF
INFORMALLY CONSTITUTED, COULD ATTRACT THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE
NON- NATO COUNTRIES.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY RESPONSE. RUMSFELD

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